

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

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#1 Micropolitan in the state

I hope you read the front page story in the News recently that the Tullahoma area is the number one micropolitan city in Tennessee. Micropolitan areas have a population between 10,000 and 50,000. This economic strength ranking is compiled annually by Policom, an independent, Florida-based company. This is the second year in a row Tullahoma has been ranked number one! I am so proud of the people of Tullahoma, as everyone had a role in our success. But, you know what? I am not satisfied with being number one in Tennessee. I want Tullahoma to be number one in America. We currently rank number 66 nationwide. There is no reason we can't be number one. I'm studying the top 10 cities to better determine what areas in Tullahoma need improvement. Moving up the ladder is a great tool to recruit investment to Tullahoma. Plus, it just reinforces for all of us Tullahoma is a great place to work, live and raise our families. Success breeds success. Get involved. Let's work together to be the very best in the nation.

Free fitness training

Are you a couch potato? Would you love to be able to run three miles, but don't know where to start? The Mach-Tenn Running Club is here to help! Starting August 25th and running for nine weeks, let the club members help you work up your endurance with a series of free workout sessions. The club's goal is to get you ready to participate in the Jack Dash 5K in Lynchburg on October 25th. No running experience needed! The first meeting and workout is August 25 at 6:30 pm at the THS track. Workouts last 45 minutes to one hour and everyone is asked to bring a towel for core work and stretching. Water is provided. The only expense is the entry fee to the 5K on October 25th. This is a great way to get in shape!

THS senior earns state-wide honor

Speaking of success, congratulations to THS senior Ashley Stevens, who earned the titled Distinguished Young Woman of Tennessee at a competition in Cleveland last month. For the second year in a row and for the 4th time in twelve years, a THS student has captured the title as the Distinguished Young Woman of Tennessee. In addition, THS Senior Macy Marin came away as Second Alternate. Ashley won preliminary awards in Talent and Scholastics and came away with \$5,400 in scholarship money. For her talent, Ashley sang "Let It Go" from the Disney movie, Frozen. I first met Ashley two years ago after her performance in the THS production of Phantom of the Opera, where she played the lead female role. Evelyn and I have been fans ever since, and earlier this year enjoyed seeing her play Dorothy in the THS production of "The Wizard of Oz". Ashley will compete for the national title next June in Mobile, Alabama. Congratulations to both Ashley and Macy.

Meals on Wheels

For many years the Meals on Wheels program has been delivering meals to individuals in town that either cannot prepare a meal themselves, or cannot leave their home. The meals are delivered five days a week. The program depends on volunteers to deliver the meals. If you can help deliver meals even one day a week, please call the Senior Citizens Center at 455-1787, as they are in need of volunteers.

Model plane fly-in this weekend

Saturday from 10am to 4 pm the public is invited to a free Fun Fly-In hosted by the Coffee Airfoilers Club where you can learn to fly radio-controlled aircraft. I have attended Airfoilers events

several times over the years and found watching and flying model airplanes to be a lot of fun. Their field is located next to Arnold Golf Course on the Wattendorf Highway.

Country Show a hit!

Thanks to the over 150 people who made up the cast and crew of the 35th annual “South Jackson Goes Country” production last weekend. The skits were hilarious and the performances amazing. The talent we have in our area is so impressive. Special hats off to Peggy Burton, who has directed the show for 35 years. Thanks, Peggy and your crew, for all your hard work.

Thought of the week: “What you do is what matters, not what you think or say or plan.” – Jason Fried

Have an idea or suggestion? Contact me at mayor@tullahomatin.gov, voice mail 581-0360, PO Box 807, or Facebook.